

Introduced by Council Members Johnson and Carlucci:

RESOLUTION 2025-342

A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING TIMOTHY WILLIAM "TIM" DEEGAN, CHIEF METEOROLOGIST, FOR HIS REMARKABLE 42-YEAR CAREER AT FIRST COAST NEWS; RECOGNIZING HIS LIFETIME OF SERVICE, COMMUNITY IMPACT, AND INDOMITABLE SPIRIT AS A BELOVED EDUCATOR, ADVOCATE, AND TRUSTED VOICE FOR THE PEOPLE OF JACKSONVILLE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, there are few names in Northeast Florida more synonymous with grace under pressure, scientific excellence, and unshakable public trust than that of Timothy William "Tim" Deegan, who, for over four decades, has not simply reported the weather, he has been a steadfast guide through sunshine and storm; and

WHEREAS, Tim Deegan began his career at KBTX in Bryan, Texas while still a student at Texas A&M University, where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Meteorology in 1981. From his earliest broadcasts on *Good Morning, Bryan & College Station* to his elevation to the status as a certified member of the American Meteorological Society in 1982, Tim displayed an unmatched commitment to scientific integrity and clarity in communication; and

WHEREAS, arriving in Jacksonville in 1982 as a 22-year-old surfer with sun-streaked hair and boundless enthusiasm, Tim joined WTLV as the morning show meteorologist and quickly became a household name; by 1986, he was named Chief Meteorologist, a title he carried with dignity, precision, and purpose, until his final forecast in May 2025; and

1 **WHEREAS,** Tim's leadership helped First Coast News earn
2 WeatherRate's coveted title of *Most Accurate Weather* for five
3 consecutive years (2019-2024), a distinction that only hints at the
4 level of public trust he cultivated through calm delivery, timely
5 alerts, and a profound understanding of Florida's dynamic climate;
6 and

7 **WHEREAS,** beyond the radar maps and satellite loops, Tim has
8 always been a man of the people, visiting over a thousand schools,
9 igniting curiosity in the hearts of children, sharing his awe of the
10 atmosphere, and even recounting his daring flight into Hurricane
11 Gilbert in 1988 with the Hurricane Hunters, reminding us all of the
12 courage it takes to be a guardian of the truth; and

13 **WHEREAS,** Tim's story is also one of partnership; alongside his
14 wife, Jacksonville Mayor Donna Deegan, he has poured his heart into
15 the Donna Foundation, an organization that champions the fight against
16 breast cancer and provides compassionate support to those walking the
17 toughest roads of life; and

18 **WHEREAS,** Tim is a proud father of three and grandfather of
19 four whose joy in life has always extended far beyond the green
20 screen, whether catching waves on the coast, lending his time to
21 worthy causes, or simply marveling at the majesty of nature with the
22 same awe that first drew him to meteorology; and

23 **WHEREAS,** as one of the first 100 meteorologists in the nation
24 to be recognized as an AMS Certified Broadcaster, Tim has not only
25 set the gold standard for scientific reporting, but has also embodied
26 the highest calling of public service, steadfast, humble, and always
27 in tune with the needs of his community; now therefore

28 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

29 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors Timothy William
30 "Tim" Deegan for his extraordinary 42-year career in meteorology, for
31 being a steady voice through turbulent storms, and for standing as a

1 beacon of excellence in journalism, science, and civic engagement.
2 The City Council commends Tim Deegan for embodying the values of
3 integrity, compassion, and public trust; for inspiring a generation
4 of scientists and thinkers; and for always reminding us that our
5 skies, no matter how dark, are never without hope. The City Council
6 extends its heartfelt congratulations and deepest gratitude to Tim
7 Deegan as he enters retirement. His impact will forever echo in
8 classrooms, living rooms, and hearts across the First Coast.

9 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
10 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
11 without the Mayor's signature.

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13 Form Approved:

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15 /s/ Shannon MacGillis

16 Office of General Counsel

17 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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